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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

458, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 17, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We thank You once again that we, Your creatures, can come before You and ask guidance for the men and women of this assembly. Send Your spirit of peace, honesty and fairness during this week of constituent visits. May their ears and hearts be open to listen to the hopes and needs of those whom they represent.

Bless the people of this great Nation with wisdom, knowledge and understanding, that they might responsibly participate in our American democracy.

Please keep all who work for the people's House in good health, that they might faithfully fulfill the great responsibility given them in their service to the work of the Capitol.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done here this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 17, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 17, 2014 at 9:50 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 74.

That the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment H.R. 3547.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of Rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Friday, January 17, 2014:

H.R. 3547, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 3547. An act making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 458, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4516. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding appropriation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4517. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Photovoltaic Devices (DFARS Case 2014-D006) (RIN: 0750-A118) received January 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4518. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Trade Agreements Thresholds (DFARS Case 2013-

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D032) (RIN: 0750-A117) received January 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4519. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Terms of Service and Open-Ended Indemnification and Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations [FAC 2005-72; FAR Case 2013-005; Item III; Docket 2013-0005, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM45) received January 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4520. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prioritizing Sources of Supplies and Services for Use by the Government [FAC 2005-72; FAR Case 2009-024; Item II; Docket 2011-0086, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM07) received January 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4521. A letter from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4522. A letter from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4523. A letter from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency blocking property of the government of the Russian Federation relating to the disposition of the highly enriched uranium extracted from nuclear weapons that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4524. A letter from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting the Annual Report of the Federal Financing Bank for Fiscal Year 2013, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 5528(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4525. A letter from the Deputy Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Copayments for Medications in 2014 (RIN: 2900-A091) received January 8, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. KILMER:

H.R. 3922. A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. COOK, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. LANGEVIN):

H.R. 3923. A bill to amend the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to expand the authority of governmental social service agencies with child protection responsibilities to access the national crime information databases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARCIA:

H.R. 3924. A bill to delay increases in premium rates for flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance program, establish a refundable tax credit for flood mitigation expenses, and authorize increased funding for flood damage mitigation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. KILMER:

H.R. 3922.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (relating to providing for the general welfare of the United States);

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress); and

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Ms. BASS:

H.R. 3923.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I.

Section 1.

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mr. GARCIA:

H.R. 3924.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 & 3 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 445: Mr. CLYBURN.

H.R. 647: Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.

H.R. 946: Mr. ROONEY.

H.R. 956: Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H.R. 1070: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 1199: Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 1423: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 1624: Mr. LANKFORD.

H.R. 1658: Mr. WALZ and Mr. ROONEY.

H.R. 1726: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 1732: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 1838: Mr. CICILLINE and Mrs.

WALORSKI.

H.R. 1851: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 2619: Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD.

H.R. 2968: Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD.

H.R. 3043: Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas.

H.R. 3086: Mr. RIGELL, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. SENBRENNER, and Mr. ROKITA.

H.R. 3147: Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 3344: Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 3370: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 3407: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 3445: Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 3485: Mr. MEADOWS and Mr. LABRADOR.

H.R. 3486: Mr. HOLDING.

H.R. 3518: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 3529: Mr. MEEKS, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. BARROW of Georgia.

H.R. 3530: Mr. DEUTCH and Mr. LABRADOR.

H.R. 3578: Mr. WOMACK, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, and Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 3732: Mr. SCALISE and Mr. LONG.

H.R. 3774: Mr. HOLT.

H.R. 3787: Mrs. BLACKBURN and Mr. FORTENBERRY.

H.R. 3790: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 3796: Ms. SCHWARTZ.

H.R. 3819: Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 3855: Mr. TONKO, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. HANABUSA, and Mr. O'ROURKE.

H.R. 3865: Mr. DESJARLAIS and Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 3867: Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. YOHIO, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. BARBER, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mr. MURPHY of Florida.

H.J. Res. 55: Mr. SCALISE.

H. Res. 425: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H. Res. 442: Mr. BURGESS, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SIMPSON, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. MESSER, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. LANCE, and Mr. SCALISE.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11:15 and 8 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 17, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2014, AT 10:30 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate now stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:15 and 49 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LETTER OF RECOGNITION FOR 2013 CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLAR- SHIP RECIPIENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Grace Meng, a resident of Vienna, Virginia, who is a recipient of the 2013 Critical Language Scholarship.

The Critical Language Scholarship Program was established in 2006 by the Department of State as part of an effort to train American young people in languages that are critical to our nation's global interests. For three months, attendees are immersed in an intensive cultural environment that teaches a new language, new culture, and new sense of self. The CLS program is remarkably competitive; in 2013 nearly 4,000 students from around the country applied, but only 597 were accepted. Due to her impressive academic success, I am proud to say that Grace Meng was one of those chosen.

Participants in the Critical Language Scholarship Program do more than simply enrich their own appreciation of a foreign culture. Their deep understanding of these critical regions ensures that our nation has capable individuals that can work on issues vital to the interests of the United States. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Grace Meng, and in wishing her heartfelt congratulations on her achievements.

EXCHANGE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3362. It's very important for the administration to disclose data on enrollments in coverage through the health care Marketplaces, at the same frequency as it does for Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and other federal programs. In fact, Monday's monthly report provided extensive national and State-by-State data for December, breaking it down by gender, age, and financial assistance status of new enrollees, as well as the levels of coverage selected. Today's bill is not about enhancing data disclosure in the Marketplaces. Rather, its goal appears to be to tie the hands of State and federal agencies with unnecessary, unrealistic requirements, and delay their efforts to enroll people in quality, affordable coverage. I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

HONORING THE NON-DENOMINA- TION HOUSE OF PRAYER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Christian organization, The Non-Denomination House of Prayer.

The Non-Denomination House of Prayer was founded in 1948 by Pastor Charity Waffer in the historical city of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Pastor Waffer was the first female pastor in the Mississippi Delta. As a pastoral pioneer she was instrumental in opening doors for women and youths through various church auxiliaries and functions. Her leadership guided many to various freedoms and liberties.

The current overseer is Dr. Earnestine Flowers which over sees other churches in Mississippi with the communities of Duncan, Batesville, Sardis, Oxford and in Chicago, Illinois. The Non-Denomination House of Prayer in the City of Mound Bayou current ministerial leaders are Pastor Willie Joe Flowers, Assistant Pastor Carl Henry, and Minister Martha Sanders.

They have increased the church membership and have embarked on renovating and expanding their facilities in order to continue to be a blessing to its members, community, and surrounding communities by being able to be a place of refuge to those who are hungry physically and spiritually and by offering comprehensive programs to meet the needs of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Non-Denomination House of Prayer for their dedication in being a corner stone in the Mound Bayou Community.

LETTER OF RECOGNITION FOR 2013 CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLAR- SHIP RECIPIENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Christopher Haberland, a resident of Herndon, Virginia, who is a recipient of the 2013 Critical Language Scholarship.

The Critical Language Scholarship Program was established in 2006 by the Department of State as part of an effort to train American young people in languages that are critical to our nation's global interests. For three months, attendees are immersed in an intensive cultural environment that teaches a new language, new culture, and new sense of self. The CLS program is remarkably competitive; in 2013 nearly 4,000 students from around the country applied, but only 597 were accepted. Due to his impressive academic success, I am

proud to say that Christopher Haberland was one of those chosen.

Participants in the Critical Language Scholarship Program do more than simply enrich their own understanding and appreciation of a foreign culture. Their deep understanding of these critical regions ensures that our nation has capable individuals that can work on issues vital to the interests of the United States. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Christopher Haberland, and in wishing him heartfelt congratulations on his achievements.

HONORING MS. JOAN WILLIAMS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Joan Williams. A lifelong community leader, Ms. Williams is being honored with the Martin Luther King Community Service Award on January 23rd for her unending service to our city and its people.

Since her graduation from Lincoln University in 1971, Ms. Williams has been a force for change. Professionally, Ms. Williams worked in the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights from 1972 to 2006, eventually becoming a Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist, investigating discrimination complaints regarding elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education programs. She now serves as the First Vice President & Director of Programs & Projects for the West Philadelphia Coalition of Neighborhoods and Businesses. In this role, Ms. Williams acts as a liaison between businesses and corporations and community members seeking employment, working to help all of her neighbors achieve better circumstances.

Ms. Williams was also instrumental in establishing the Community Advisory Committee, which serves as an oversight committee for the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Service Center, making the Center safe and of assistance to the community. For her personal and professional work, Ms. Williams has received many awards, including, but not limited to, the 190th Legislative District Image Award from State Representative Vanessa Lowery Brown and the Community Service Award from the Henry Hill Post 385 American Legion. On reflecting on Ms. Williams's long history of working for social justice, I cannot think of someone more deserving of this year's Martin Luther King Community Service Award.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to our city has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Williams for her lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

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HONORING WILL T. TURNER, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Will T. Turner, Sr., who is a remarkable Civil Rights Worker, Extraordinary and public servant.

Mr. Will T. Turner, Sr. was born in Jefferson County, Mississippi on February 23, 1930 to Rena and Warren Turner, Sr. At the age of 7, his mother died shortly after childbirth and his Uncle and Aunt, Howard and Mary Lou Nichols, reared him along with his siblings.

Mr. Turner, Sr. attended Jefferson County Training School. Being independent and desiring a better life, at the age of 16 he began working with Sidney Brown, a white contractor. He remained in his employment for 20 years. During this period he became adept in the construction field and well known in this arena. He was approached to do private jobs, independent of Sidney Brown, which led to the beginning of Turner Construction.

Well known throughout the community for his generosity and kindness, Mr. Turner, Sr. became instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement in Fayette, Mississippi. In 1963, he moved Charles Evers, brother of slain civil rights advocate Medgar Evers, to Fayette. He became instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement of Fayette, Mississippi as well as the surrounding communities. He attended weekly NAACP Mass Meetings, participated in numerous civil rights marches and was often jailed for equality and justice for all.

In 1964, Mr. Turner, Sr. was elected as one of the first Black Aldermen to serve in a bi-racial town in the State of Mississippi along with four other blacks and Charles Evers as Mayor. He served three terms as an Alderman of the City of Fayette. He also served as Coroner of Jefferson County for 24 years.

Mr. Turner, Sr. is married to the former Florence Clark and they are the proud parents of two sons—Will T., Jr. and Perry (deceased) and five daughters—Delories, Mary, Patricia, Tina and Janice.

After working to register people to vote, after encouraging others to participate in the work of the movement in several different places, Mr. Turner participated in the slate of blacks seeking to make changes with the elected officials in the town of Fayette and they were all elected.

When elected to the Board of Alderman of Fayette, he was interviewed by JET magazine and they were all published in that month's issue of Jet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a Civil Rights Worker Extraordinaire, Mr. Will T. Turner, Sr., for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS
THE FAIRFAX COUNTY 2013 LAND
CONSERVATION AND TREE PRES-
ERVATION AND PLANTING
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Fairfax County 2013 Land Conservation and Tree Preservation and Planting Awards.

Fairfax County is considered one of the best counties in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family. One reason for this designation is the innovative environmental protection policies that have been implemented by the County and embraced by its business partners. I was pleased to have led that effort during my tenure as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. These awards recognize the following developers, designers and site superintendents who have excelled in their stewardship of the environment:

Land Preservation Awards:
Large Commercial: Jennings Toyota
Owner: Jennings Business Park, LLC
Small Commercial: MTPD District II Substation and Training Facility
Owner: Washington Metro Area Transit Authority

Large Single Family Residential: The Reserve at Timber Lake
Owner: Winchester Homes, Inc.
Small Single Family Residential: Leatherland Property
Owner: Palisades Development at Telegraph Road, LLC
Special Project: Timber Ridge at EDS Park Facility
Owner: Timber Ridge at Discovery Square, Inc.

Linear Project: Timber Ridge at EDS North—South Collector
Owner: Timber Ridge at Discovery Square, Inc.

Best Protected Environmentally Sensitive Site: Jennings Toyota
Owner: Jennings Business Park, LLC
Best Protected Environmentally Sensitive Site: Huntley Meadows Park Wetland Restoration Project
Owner: Fairfax County Park Authority

Outstanding Engineering Firms: Walter L. Phillip, INC for Jennings Toyota
Outstanding Superintendent: Garen Khoranian for Huntley Meadow Park Wetland Restoration Project
Outstanding Contractor: S.W. Rodgers for Jennings Toyota

Outstanding Developer/Owner: Jennings Business Park, LLC/Jennings Toyota
Outstanding E/S Inspectors of the Year: Mike Ernst, Gary Cook, and Mark Evans
Outstanding E/S Plan Reviewers of the Year: Walt Hamilton, Laura O'Leary, and Greg Rodgers

Tree Planting Awards:
Project: Clemyontri Park
Developer: Fairfax County Park Authority
Project: Lee Highway and Nutley Street
Developer: Washington Property Company, LLC
Project: Oakton Library
Developer: Fairfax County, DPWES, Capital Facilities

Tree Preservation Awards:
Project: Huntley Meadows
Developer: Fairfax County Park Authority
Project: Roseglen
Builder: Stanley Martin Homes
Project: The Reserve at Stone Hill
Builder: Winchester Homes, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees. Fairfax County and its residents have benefitted greatly from the collaborative spirit that is represented by these awards today, and I thank each of the awardees for their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN YOUNG, A
SENIOR AT FARRAGUT HIGH
SCHOOL, IN KNOX COUNTY TEN-
NESSEE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor an exceptional high school student from my District whose common-sense and eloquent words brought national attention to education policy.

Kevin Young, a senior at Farragut High School in Knox County, Tennessee, recently testified in front of the Knox County School Board against Common Core, the one-size-fits-all educational scheme being implemented across the Nation.

Kevin's speech was noticed by outlets such as FOX News and Glenn Beck, who called the remarks possibly the best case against Common Core ever made.

I have been friends with Kevin's grandmother for many years and know him to be a very passionate and intelligent young man.

Mr. Speaker, Kevin has learned through his own experience that, in his words, "creativity, appreciation, and inquisitiveness are impossible to scale." I bring his powerful speech, which is reprinted below in its entirety, to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD. All education policy-makers should listen closely to his wisdom.

SPEECH TO KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

(By Ethan Young)

In a mere five minutes, I hope to provide insightful comments about a variety of educational topics. I sincerely hope you disprove the research I've compiled.

Here's the history of the Common Core. In 2009, the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers partnered with Achieve Inc., a nonprofit that received millions in funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Thus the initiative seemed to spring from states, when in reality it was contrived by an insular group of educational testing executives with only two academic content specialists. Neither specialist approved the final standards, and the English consultant, Dr. Sandra Stotsky, publicly stated she felt the standards left students with an empty skill set, lacking literary knowledge.

While educators and administrators were later included in the validation committee and feedback groups, they did not play a role in the actual drafting of the standards. The product is a, quote, "rigorous preparation for career and college," yet many educators agree that "rigorous" is a buzzword. These standards aren't rigorous, just different, designed for industrial model of school.

Nevertheless, Common Core emerged. Keep in mind, the specific standards were never voted upon by Congress, the Department of Education, state or local governments. Yet, their implementation was approved by 49 states and territories. The president essentially bribed states into implementation via Race to the Top, offering 4.35 billion taxpayer dollars to participating states, \$500 million of which went to Tennessee. And much like No Child Left Behind, the program promises national testing and a one-size-fits-all education, because, hey, it worked really well the first time.

While I do admire some aspects of the core, such as fewer standards and an emphasis on application and writing, it's not going to fix our academic deficit. If nothing else, these standards are a glowing conflict of interest. And they lack the research they allegedly received. And most importantly, the standards illustrate a mistrust of teachers, something I believe this country has already felt for a while.

I've been fortunate to have incredible educators that opened my eyes to the joy of learning, and I love them like my family. I respect them entirely, which is why it frustrates me to review the TEAM and APEX evaluation systems. These subjective anxiety-producers do more to damage a teacher's self-esteem than you realize. Erroneous evaluation coupled with strategic compensation presents a punitive model that, as a student, is like watching your teacher jump through flaming hoops to earn a score. Have you forgotten the nature of a classroom? A teacher cannot be evaluated without his students, because as a craft, teaching is an interaction. Thus how can you expect to gauge a teacher's success with no control for student participation or interest?

I stand before you because I care about education, but also because I want to support my teachers. And just as they fought for my academic achievement, so I want to fight for their ability to teach. This relationship is at the heart of instruction, yet there will never be a system by which it is accurately measured.

But I want to take a step back. We can argue the details ad infinitum. Yet I observe a much broader issue with education today. Standards-based education is ruining the way we teach and learn. Yes, I've already been told by legislators and administrators, Ethan, that's just the way things work. But why? I'm going to answer that question. It's bureaucratic convenience. It works with nuclear reactors, it works for business models, why can't it work with students? I mean, how convenient calculating exactly who knows what and who needs what. I mean, why don't we just manufacture robots instead of students? They last longer and they always do what they're told.

But education is unlike every other bureaucratic institute in our government. The task of teaching is never quantifiable. If everything I learned in high school is a measurable objective, I haven't learned anything. I'd like to repeat that. If everything I learned in high school is a measurable objective, I have not learned anything. Creativity, appreciation, inquisitiveness—these are impossible to scale, but they're the purpose of education, why our teachers teach, and why I choose to learn.

And today we find ourselves in a nation that produces workers. Everything is career and college preparation. Somewhere our founding fathers are turning in their graves, pleading, screaming, and trying to say to us that we teach to free minds, we teach to inspire, we teach to equip. The careers will come naturally.

I know we're just one city in a huge system that excitedly embraces numbers, but ask

any of these teachers, ask any of my peers, and ask yourselves, haven't we gone too far with data?

I attended tonight's meeting to share my critiques, but as Benjamin Franklin quipped, any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain, and most fools do. The problems I cite are very real. And I only ask that you hear them out, investigate them, and do not dismiss them as another fool's criticisms. I'll close with a quote of Jane L. Stanford that Dr. McIntyre, shared in a recent speech:

"You have my entire confidence in your ability to do conscientious work to the very best advantage to the students—that they be considered paramount to all and everything else. We're capable of fixing education, and I commit myself to that task. But you cannot ignore me, my teachers, or the truth. We need change, but not Common Core, high-stakes evaluations, or more robots." Thank you.

IN HONOR OF ROD RICE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Rod Rice as he prepares to hang up his microphone after a 40 year career in radio.

Rod Rice has more than three decades on the air in Houston—providing us news and information. Much of that time, he's spent at Houston's Public Radio station, 88.7 KUHF.

He joined KUHF from KTRH as a reporter and leaves this Friday morning as the anchor of KUHF Morning Edition. As Rod told a media reporter, "It's been a pleasure playing a small role in the daily life of this wonderful city." Well, Rod, it's been our pleasure as listeners.

During Rod Rice's tenure at KUHF, the station has grown their news operation from a 5 person newsroom to a full service news and information station that Houston relies on each and every day.

Rod Rice may sound like he was born behind a news microphone, but he served in the US Army and as a disc jockey in many formats over several years before coming to Houston in 1991 to anchor the news on NewsRadio 740 KTRH. That's because Rice's fascination with radio began with his grandfather and listening to radio programs. That fascination never left him and those he mentored say he is always eager to pass it on to a new generation.

Rod quickly developed a reputation for working with new reporters and helping them to make their news coverage better. One of those reporters mentored by Rod Rice now serves as my Communications Director.

Rice has been honored more times that we can address here for excellence in broadcast journalism, including a regional Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio and Television News Directors Association.

What's next for Rod Rice is turning off his early morning alarm and enjoying life, but his roots in radio will always be a part of him. And, those who know him are convinced he will continue to mentor and share his love of radio for many years to come.

HONORING MR. L.C. LEACH, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil rights advocate and public servant, Mr. L.C. Leach, Sr. Throughout his remarkable life, Mr. Leach made unprecedented strides towards the ongoing battle of ensuring civil rights for African Americans in his community.

Born February 7, 1927, Mr. Leach was a lifelong resident of Bolton, Mississippi. He received his formal education at Champion Hill Elementary School, Champion Hill High School, and Southern Christian Institute College. He received additional education at Jackson State University and became a prominent figure in the community through his employment at Universal Life Insurance, located in Jackson, Mississippi.

As an African American male living in a small rural town of segregated Mississippi, Mr. Leach witnessed and endured many injustices towards himself and others in the community. But with the necessity of change beckoning his spirit, Mr. Leach set aside any fears or reservations he may have had to help his community rise above the systematic inequalities of segregation.

Through a coordinated effort with other African American members of the community, Mr. Leach put forth his determination to integrate the white-only elementary school in Bolton, Mississippi by sending his son (along with three other African American students) to attend class there. Although many in town were uneasy with the decision to do so (both whites and blacks), the stance proceeded without incident.

Using the stance on the white-only elementary school as a catalyst for advancing other significant changes in the community, Mr. Leach became an avid member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He worked extremely close with many other civil rights advocates in the state, most notably brothers Charles and Medgar Evers.

Through organized boycotts orchestrated through the NAACP, Mr. Leach and others were instrumental in integrating white-only grocery stores in Jackson, Mississippi, the Jackson Zoological Park, and public restrooms and water fountains in and around the city of Jackson. At times, Mr. Leach helped local residents strategize boycott tactics under the cover of his insurance office.

In addition to advocating for the dismantlement of segregation, Mr. Leach will be forever known for his courage in seeking and obtaining the elected position as first African American Alderman of Bolton, Mississippi. After serving as Alderman, he would later sit as Judge Leach of Bolton, as well as spearhead an effort with other community leaders to establish the community's first Head Start program for area preschool children to attend.

Through all his community advocacy and public servitude, Mr. Leach was a wonderful husband and father. He was married to his loving wife, Earnestine Perry Leach, for 55 years at the time of his death. He has two sons (Joe and L.C., Jr.) and two daughters (Veronica and Bobbie) who also will continue

to carry on the legacy of Mr. L.C. Leach, Sr. He transcended this life on earth on April 28, 2008.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. L.C. Leach, Sr. for his dedication and service as a civil rights advocate and pioneer during the civil rights movement.

RECOGNIZING THE PARTICIPATION
OF THE HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND IN THE 2013
PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL PA-
RADE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Herndon High School Marching Band for being selected to participate in the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade and for receiving Grand Champion honors in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Known as "The Pride of Herndon," the Herndon High School Band is the oldest established high school band in Fairfax County and has been a part of Northern Virginia since 1947. Since its founding, the band program at Herndon High School has grown from that original group of fifteen musicians to more than 200 instrumentalists comprising the following ensembles: Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band, all currently under the direction of Ms. Kathleen Jacoby.

The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was established by an Act of Congress on August 23, 1994 to commemorate the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade, which began in 2011, honors the survivors, veterans, active duty military and their families, and most especially the more than 2,400 members of U.S. Armed Services who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Each year, one high school band from each state that bears the same name as an American battleship or other vessel that was attacked at Pearl Harbor is invited to participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade. This year, The Herndon High School Marching Band was chosen to represent Virginia. While in Hawaii, the Pride of Herndon toured the USS Arizona Memorial, performed in front of the USS Missouri, met with World War II Veterans who survived the Pearl Harbor attack and served as Virginia's official "ambassador" to the parade. Following the parade, a three-judge panel designated the band as Grand Champions for the quality and appropriateness of its performance.

The band's participation in this event would not have been possible without support of the Herndon High School Band Parents Association and the Herndon High School community, including the Herndon Rotary which raised more than \$15,000 to help fund the cost of the trip.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Principal William Bates, Band Director Kathleen Jacoby, and the Herndon High School Marching Band on this tremendous achievement and in commending them for their roles in honoring and paying tribute to our Greatest Generation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 23 I voted "yea," I wanted to vote "nay."

HONORING DIANNE J. TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dianne J. Taylor, an employee of the Mississippi Department of Human Services for over twenty years.

The opportunity to become a civil servant of any branch of the government is a great privilege to be able to serve the American people. Dianne graduated from Troy State University in 1993 with her B.S. Degree in Resource Management and shortly afterwards she began her career with the Mississippi Department of Human Services in that same year.

In an effort to build upon her academic training and hands on learning within the agency, Dianne returned to school and received her MBA from Delta State University in 2004.

During this entire time, she maintained her employment as a case manager in Tallahatchie County where she administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This program is designed to help single parents become self-sufficient so that they can transition off of public assistance.

Dianne has all intentions of retiring as a civil servant employee, realizing the opportunity given to her twenty years ago has been not only more than a privilege but rewarding by allowing her to help others in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Dianne J. Taylor for her longevity and dedication to helping others as an employee of the Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance January 15, 1993, formally establishing the Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. An exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and

public hearings identified a strong community desire for a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County.

The BOCS approved the ordinance in September 1992 to ensure that "each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law, and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life." Residents enlist the services of the commission if they feel their rights have been violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education and public accommodation.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to enter into the Congressional Record the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards:

Vicky Castro
Father Gerry Creedon
Doreen Dauer
Cydney A. Neville
Sam Sanders

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

IN HONOR OF THE LONE STAR
FLAG'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the "The Lone Star Flag" of Texas. 175 years ago, Texas' Red, White and Blue banner was adopted as the flag of the Republic of Texas. The blue stands for loyalty. The white stands for purity. The red stands for the courage with which Texans have been blessed.

One-third of our flag is blue with a single centered white, five-pointed star. The remaining two-thirds of the flag are horizontal white and red bars. It's an image known the world over.

When Texas became our nation's 28th state, Texas' national flag became our state flag. Our state pledge starts with "Honor the Texas flag."

Dr. Charles Stewart lived in Montgomery, Texas when he led a committee appointed by Mirabeau Lamar tasked with designing our flag. You can see how he envisioned Texas' flag at the Nat Hart Davis Museum on Liberty Street in Montgomery. Our county, and this community's Lone Star Flag ties, are second to none.

In 1997, the Texas Legislature honored Montgomery County, Texas as the birthplace of the Texas Lone Star Flag. Our community is so proud of this honor.

The Patrons of Cedar Brake Park in Montgomery have partnered with the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation and the Historic Montgomery Business Association to hold a 175th Anniversary Celebration for our great flag on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Special thanks to Bill Koltan, Shannan Reid, Sonya Clover, Julia Wall and Patti Stafford and other volunteers for coordinating this event to celebrate the birth of this iconic symbol of our state.

May our Lone Star Flag always wave proudly over the great state of Texas.

HONORING GABRIELLE NICOLE TERRETT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented young lady, Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett.

Gabrielle Nicole Terrett is the 14-year-old daughter of Dr. André and Attorney Toni Terrett. She is the eldest of five and a 9th grader at Warren Central High School in Vicksburg.

Gabrielle is an all around student that has excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities. She is a member of the Warren Central Big Blue Band flute section. She also plays the violin and has performed at local nursing homes over the years.

Gabrielle has received several awards including placing 1st in Jewelry in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the Hobbs-Freeman Art competition-2012, 2nd place in the 2013 Blacks in Government Oratorical Contest, 3rd in the 2012 NAACP essay contest, and 2nd Runner Up in the 2013 Miss Southland Pageant.

Gabrielle volunteers at the Mountain of Faith Women's Shelter Retail Store. As a volunteer she helps stock shelves, organize the store and assist customers to the store. She is very pleasant to work with and supports the Women's Shelter as often as possible. In her spare time she enjoys quiet time reading, preparing for pageants, and shopping.

She is a faithful member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Vicksburg, MS where she is active in Sunday school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Miss Gabrielle Nicole Terrett for her hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

RECOGNIZING THE 24TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. YOUTH ORATORICAL COMPETITION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left an indelible mark on our nation in his pursuit of civil rights through civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with reverent oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

Contestants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Competition pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This skill will serve them well as they seize future leadership opportunities and forge the personal relationships necessary for effective community engagement and organizing.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants in the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition:

Middle School Contestants

Morgan Foster: Manassas Park Middle School

Ayesha Khursheed: Graham Park School

Emmanuel Murphy: Parkside Middle School High School Contestants

Jacob Gonzalez: Thomas Jefferson High School

Norman Jones: Stonewall Jackson High School

Issac Mensah Yeboah: Osbourn Park High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King's teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.

HONORING THE RESIDENTS OF ADAMS, NEW YORK

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to focus the Nation's attention on the residents of Adams, New York. Adams is a small village located near Interstate 81 and about forty minutes south of the U.S.-Canadian border. The residents of this town recently demonstrated why small towns like those dotting the North Country are what give America its strength.

Recently, a major storm featuring bitter cold and as many as four feet of snow closed I-81, a major artery for travelers and trucks, and stranded about 150 people in Adams. According to local news reports, this town rallied around their unexpected guests. About 100 volunteers headed to the town's firehouse to brew coffee and assemble cots. Local businesses donated nearly 2,000 sandwiches and slices of pizza. Around 40 families opened their homes so their visitors had a comfortable place to sleep.

One story in the Watertown Daily Times said the town's residents used social media to help find places for the stranded truckers and travelers to spend the night. Other fire halls in the area also accommodated stranded travelers and the local chapter of the American Red Cross helped supply cots.

In another article, the Syracuse Post-Standard reported Adams resident Mollie Bangs, who is 93, and her caregiver Michael Smith hosted a family from Quebec who were on their way home from Florida. Most of the family spoke only French and none had winter clothing. Ms. Bangs and Mr. Smith lent them winter clothes and entertained them in Ms. Bangs' home.

The stranded travelers pitched in too. The Post-Standard told of how a stranded soldier from Fort Drum in Watertown, NY named Jesse Brown helped shovel four feet of snow at the home of Kathy Sheley, the Adams resident who took him in.

Many communities across the country would be crippled for days by the volume of snow the area received. The town's fire department worked with a local pharmacy to bring medicine and supplies to those in need. Crews of State and local snow plow drivers and New York State Troopers worked around the clock. The local and State workers were able to reopen the highway for the stranded travelers just a day after the storm hit.

Mr. Speaker, cynics have said that our Nation is losing its sense of community. I submit this story as proof to the contrary. Please join me in recognizing the residents of Adams, the local fire and public works departments, the American Red Cross, the New York State Troopers serving in the North Country and the employees of the New York State Department of Transportation whom it is my privilege to represent in Congress for their selfless actions during this recent storm.

DUNN LORING VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, and to congratulate the 2013 award recipients and incoming 2014 officers and board members.

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (DLVFRD) is 1 of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1942, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Dunn Loring area and the surrounding community.

Currently, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Ladies Auxiliary operates from Station 13 on Gallows Road and boasts 80 active members. Alongside career firefighters, these brave volunteers contribute more than 29,000 hours each year to enhance public safety for the approximately 22,000 citizens of Dunn Loring.

Each year DLVFRD recognizes those volunteers who have excelled in service and commitment, and it is my honor to enter the following names of the 2013 honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Firefighter of the Year—Adam Nielson

EMT of the Year—Houmam Ali

EMS Rookie of the Year—Robert Seoane

Robbie Allen Award—Terri Fisher

Distinguished Service Award—Kenneth Kubiak

Distinguished Service Award—Lisa White
 Spirit Award—Jason Trautman
 Robert J. J. Seoane Award—Houmam Ali
 Special Recognition Award—Anna
 Gradishar
 Special Recognition Award—Aria
 Khodabakhchian

President's Award—Kenneth Kubiak

The following individuals are also being recognized for their years of service to the Department:

40 Year Service Award—David Banks
 15 Year Service Award—Shawn P. Stokes
 10 Year Service Award—Keith Edgemon
 10 Year Service Award—Carrie Torenio
 5 Year Service Award—Michelle Mallek
 5 Year Service Award—Erin Keating
 Hudiburgh

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2013 award recipients and in commending the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for 71 years of service. I also extend my personal thanks to the outgoing DLVFRD officers and trustees for 2013 and to those who will serve in those roles for 2014. All these brave men and women deserve our highest praise for their dedication to public safety, and to each of them I say: "Stay safe."

RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARE- NESS MONTH

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Although some may think that this only happens in dark, remote corners of the world, human trafficking happens in our own backyard. The sickening fact is that it is a big, booming business—trafficking a child for sex is often more lucrative than drug trafficking. This horrific crime can happen to anyone—girl, boy, rich, poor, U.S. citizen or not. We must work harder to protect our sons and daughters, leveraging community resources to find and rehabilitate victims and prosecute traffickers to the fullest extent of the law. In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, I would like to thank all of the dedicated community advocates in south Florida including Palm Beach County District Attorney Dave Aronberg, and the Junior Leagues of the Palm Beaches and of Broward County. I would also like to thank Katariina Rosenblatt—a courageous south Florida survivor of human trafficking who uses her experience to help other victims get their lives back. I look forward to working with all of them to protect victims in Florida and around the world.

HONORING DERRICK JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public

servant, Mr. Derrick Johnson who is State president of the Mississippi State Conference NAACP. Elected in 2004, he is the youngest State president in the country.

Mr. Johnson earned his Jurist Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, TX and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS.

After completing law school Mr. Johnson joined the staff of Southern Echo, Inc., a non-profit organization located in Jackson, Mississippi, serving as the regional organizer. He provided legal, technical, and training support for communities within 6 States across the south (Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, and South Carolina).

Mr. Johnson has GIS (Geographic Information System) and Database Management training and has provided redistricting services to municipal and county governments across the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Johnson served as a Fellow with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation in Washington, DC, while working in the office of Congressman BENNIE G. THOMPSON and as a Fellow with the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management Minority Fellowship Program.

In response to Hurricane Katrina's devastation in Mississippi, Mr. Johnson was appointed to serve as vice-chair of the Governor's Commission for Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal. He has become a leading voice for the equitable rebuilding for the working poor in the aftermath of the hurricane. He serves on many Boards: the Mississippi ACLU, Hope Community Credit Union, and the Advisory Council of the Mississippi Economic Policy Center.

Mr. Johnson was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Access to the Justice Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Derrick Johnson for his dedication to serving others.

TO RECOGNIZE ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Antioch Baptist Church on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and to commend the Church for its continued commitment to our community.

Founding Pastor John Q. Gibbs prayed with a small group of four others for more than one year while planning the Church, seeking guidance and strength from the Almighty. The first worship service was held at the Salvation Army Chapel on January 8, 1989, and three people came forward to be baptized during this inaugural service. From these humble beginnings, under the leadership of Pastor Gibbs, the congregation and ministries of Antioch Baptist Church grew and the first sanctuary was built.

After the passing of Pastor Gibbs in 1995, the Reverend Marshal Ausberry, Sr. was selected to lead the congregation. The Church has continued to grow, serving as a warm, loving, and welcoming spiritual home. The Church has expanded its reach into the community through multiple ministries that reflect

diverse and compelling needs. Thanks to strong support from its members, Antioch is able to offer services for Nursery, Children and Youth Ministries, as well as Christian Education, Family Life, and Discipleship Ministries to promote a Christian life. The Church has also become a contributing partner to local homeless prevention efforts, and it has programs to provide outreach to the sick and elderly as well as to those who are incarcerated. Antioch Baptist Church also partners with the Fairfax County Government in foster care and adoption efforts, and I was honored to nominate Antioch Baptist Church as the 11th Congressional District's 2011 Angel in Adoption in recognition of its tremendous work for children in need. The congregation's generous ministry activities extend well beyond the community to reach those in need in faraway places such as Zimbabwe, Brazil, and Haiti, where it provides aid, comfort, and religious support.

Throughout the years, Antioch Baptist Church has become an integral part of Fairfax County through its foundation in faith and its commitment to the community. Thanks to its steadfast leadership under Pastors Gibbs and Ausberry and the dedication of its congregation, Antioch Baptist Church is leading by example, strengthening our community by working together and helping our neighbors in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Antioch Baptist Church for its dedication and commitment to its Christian values and in wishing them continued success in the next 25 years and beyond.

HONORING OLYMPIAN SHANNON MILLER ON RECEIVING THE CON- GRESSIONAL FAMILIES CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAM'S EXCEL- LENCE IN CANCER AWARENESS AWARD

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Olympian and President of Shannon Miller Lifestyle, Mrs. Shannon Miller, on receiving the Excellence in Cancer Awareness Award from the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program.

Shannon is a two-time world all-around champion gymnast, winning seven Olympic medals and nine world championships. In late 2010, Shannon received the staggering news that she had a rare form of ovarian cancer. However, with the strength and determination that helped her to be so successful in her gymnastic career, Shannon defeated the disease in 2011. Finally, overcoming all odds this past June, she was blessed with a "miracle baby"—a second child, Sterling Diane, who joins her 3 year old brother Rocco.

Shannon has become an inspiration to all and publically shares her experience to encourage others to fight against cancer. She has been unwavering in her dedication to the health and wellness of women and children, using her visibility to advocate for early detection, cancer awareness, and give hope to those currently fighting this terrible disease.

On November 19, 2013, Shannon was honored with the Excellence in Cancer Awareness

award at the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program's annual luncheon. This bipartisan program aims to increase the public's understanding of cancer prevention and early detection. Families of Members of the House, Senate, Cabinet, and Supreme Court work within their respective constitu-

encies—as well as nationwide—to raise awareness and help reduce risks of cancer. Congressional Families' initiatives include giving presentations to civic and community groups, making radio and television presentations, organizing health fairs and con-

ferences, as well as writing opinion pieces for local papers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in this very special congressional salute to this leader and cancer advocate, Shannon Miller.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:15:08 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:15:49 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 3922–3924, were introduced. **Page H1246**

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1245**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1245.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Tuesday, January 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 1 p.m.

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